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Minute of Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 13 May 2021	09:30	Teams meeting,

Present: Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Stephen Burns, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Provost Lorraine Cameron, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Carolann Davidson, Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Alison Jean Dowling, Councillor Edward Grady, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Jim Harte, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Karen Kennedy, Councillor Scott Kerr, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor Mags MacLaren, Councillor Eileen McCartin, Councillor Colin McCulloch, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor James Sheridan, Councillor Jane Strang

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; S Quinn, Director of Children's Services; M Crearie, Director of Communities & Housing Services; G McNeil, Director of Environment & Infrastructure; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning, L Mahon, Head of Marketing & Communications and A Morrison, Head of Economy & Development Services (all Chief Executive's); O Reid, Head of Communities & Public Protection and C Dalrymple, Communities & Regulatory Manager (both Communities and Housing Services); J Trainer, Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice (Children's Services); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw and D Low, both Democratic Services Managers E Currie, C MacDonald, P Shiach, all Senior Committee Services Officers, K O'Neill Assistant Committee Services Officer, G Dickie, Partnering & Commissioning Manager, I Blair, D Pole and A Lowe, all End User Technicians (all Finance & Resources); and S Strachan, Interim Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and V Hollows, Chief Executive (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited).

Apologies

Councillors Don and Steel.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dowling declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 6 Motion 3 of the agenda in that she had a family member on the autistic spectrum. She intimated that she would remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Burns declared an interest in respect of item 9 Motion 6 of the agenda as he was a Director of a pest control business. He intimated that he would leave the meeting and take no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor McIntyre declared an interest in respect of item 12, Motion 9 of the agenda as he was a Director of a company which carried out insurance underwriting. He intimated that he would leave the meeting and take no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Provost intimated that this meeting of the Council would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

Additional Item

Provost Cameron intimated that she had received notice of an emergency motion by Councillor Shaw. seconded by Councillor Devine. which had not been included in the Notice calling the meeting.

Provost Cameron ruled that in terms of Standing Order 14(b), the emergency motion by Councillors Shaw and Devine be considered by the Council a matter of urgency to ensure that the necessary arrangements could be made to meet the required timescale. The emergency motion would be taken up as an additional item of business at the end of the meeting as agenda item 13.

1 Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels (attached separately)

There were submitted the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council, Boards and Panels on the dates specified:

Council, 4 March 2021

Special Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board, 5 March 2021

Placing Requests & Exclusions Appeals Panel, 11 March 2021

Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board, 16 March 2021

Regulatory Functions Board, 17 March 2021

Education & Children's Services Policy Board, 18 March 2021

Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board, 22 March 2021

Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board, 24 March 2021

Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board, 31 March 2021

Regulatory Functions Board, 1 April 2021

Special Leadership Board, 6 April 2021

Special Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board, 14 April 2021

Leadership Board, 28 April 2021

Under reference to page 524 of the Minute of the meeting of the Leadership Board held on 28 April 2021, Councillor Devine indicated that the Minute required to be corrected as his declaration of interest in item 10 of the agenda for that meeting as a member of the Renfrewshire Cultural Recovery and Renewal Fund had been omitted.

<u>DECIDED</u>: That the Minutes be approved subject to the correction to the Minute of the meeting of the Leadership Board held on 28 April 2021 to include the declaration of interest by Councillor Devine in item 10 of the agenda as a member of the Renfrewshire Cultural Recovery and Renewal Fund.

The National Transfer Scheme and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the National Transfer Scheme which allowed for unaccompanied children to be transferred to the care of local authorities other than that to which they had first arrived. The Scheme was intended to ease pressures on areas of high traffic (such as those with busy airports or direct travel links to and from the European mainland). Those who joined the scheme could apply for children to be transferred from their care as well as accept children from other local authority areas.

The report advised that the Home Office provided direct funding to local authorities for the care and support of unaccompanied children. In certain circumstances, this funding could be provided up to the age of 25. Provost Cameron, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved that it be agreed that Renfrewshire Council formally join the National Transfer Scheme with a view to considering applications for the transfer of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to Renfrewshire.

Councillor Bibby, seconded by Councillor Dowling, moved that in addition

"Council notes the proud record of communities across Renfrewshire in offering refuge and shelter to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children over the last two decades. In maintaining this proud record, and in the event of joining the National Transfer Scheme, Council believes that it should not be impeded by financial constraints or detriment, and accordingly will write to the UK Government to secure a commitment that it will fully fund all future placements of unaccompanied asylum seeking children and associated care costs, incurred by Renfrewshire Council and other local authorities across Scotland."

In terms of Standing Order 27, Provost Cameron and Councillor Nicolson, being the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed to accept the amendment as an addition to the motion and the motion, as amended, was approved.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that Renfrewshire Council formally join the National Transfer Scheme with a view to considering applications for the transfer of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to Renfrewshire; and
- (b) That Council notes the proud record of communities across Renfrewshire in offering refuge and shelter to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children over the last two decades. In maintaining this proud record, and in the event of joining the National Transfer Scheme, Council believes that it should not be impeded by financial constraints or detriment, and accordingly will write to the UK Government to secure a commitment that it will fully fund all future placements of unaccompanied asylum seeking children and associated care costs, incurred by Renfrewshire Council and other local authorities across Scotland.

3 Governance Arrangements until 24 June 2021

Under reference to item 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 4 March 2021, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to proposed arrangements for the next cycle of Board meetings up to and including the next full Council meeting on 24 June 2021, and providing an update on the installation of the Public-i system that would enable live-streamed hybrid meetings to take place as restrictions to combat the Covid-19 pandemic were eased.

The report proposed that the arrangements that had been in place for Board and Council meetings since August 2020 be continued for one further cycle of meetings to enable the Public-i system to be fully tested and for elected members and officers to receive training on the system prior to it going live. The arrangements set out in the report aimed to allow the next cycle of Board meetings to take place as efficiently as possible in the current circumstances and to move away from governance arrangements that were created as a response to an emergency.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved that the report be approved, and that in addition, the following proposed changes to Policy Board memberships from the SNP group be agreed.

Councillor Audrey Doig to replace Councillor Natalie Don on the Education & Children's Services Policy Board

Councillor Iain Nicolson to replace Councillor Natalie Don on the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board

Councillor Jim Paterson to replace Councillor Natalie Don on the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board

Councillor Michelle Campbell to be appointed as Depute Convener of the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the arrangements for the next cycle of Council and Board meetings set out in section 4 of the report be approved;
- (b) That the position in relation to the installation of the Public-i system and the proposals for mobilising the system be noted;
- (c) That it be noted that the arrangements for subsequent Board cycles would be the subject of a report to Council on 24 June 2021;
- d) That the proposal to bring to an end the current temporary arrangements for the Emergencies Board be approved; and
- (e) That the following changes to Policy Board memberships from the SNP group be approved: -

Councillor Audrey Doig to replace Councillor Natalie Don on the Education & Children's Services Policy Board

Councillor Iain Nicolson to replace Councillor Natalie Don on the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board

Councillor Jim Paterson to replace Councillor Natalie Don on the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board

Councillor Michelle Campbell to be appointed as Depute Convener of the Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board.

4 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig in the following terms:

"Section 50 Monies Held by Renfrewshire Council for Community Benefit in Lochwinnoch

Council calls on the Planning Department to release the Section 50 monies to Lochwinnoch Community Council, estimated to be £40,000, which the Council was given for community benefit in the village by housing developers when the Station Rise development was being built in the early 1990's."

Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig then moved the motion.

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor McGurk, moved as an amendment that in addition

"Council understands that the sums involved were provided for in a legal document (Section 50 Agreement) for a specified purpose attached to the granting of a planning application. The specified purpose was to support the provision of industrial units in Lochwinnoch which has not been progressed.

Council therefore agrees that officers be instructed to expedite confirmation of the legal status of these monies direct with the applicant with a view to repurposing the funds. Also that a report be presented to the relevant board with options to as to the legal distribution of the funds, if applicable, for the benefit of the residents of Lochwinnoch"

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted the addition to the motion. The motion, as amended, was agreed unanimously.

In addition, it was proposed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board in relation to Section 50 monies which might be identified in relation to other Wards. This was agreed.

<u>**DECIDED**</u>: Section 50 Monies Held by Renfrewshire Council for Community Benefit in Lochwinnoch

(a) Council calls on the Planning Department to release the Section 50 monies to Lochwinnoch Community Council, estimated to be £40,000, which the Council was given for community benefit in the village by housing developers when the Station Rise development was being built in the early 1990's

Council understands that the sums involved were provided for in a legal document (Section 50 Agreement) for a specified purpose attached to the granting of a planning application. The specified purpose was to support the provision of industrial units in Lochwinnoch which has not been progressed.

Council therefore agrees that officers be instructed to expedite confirmation of the legal status of these monies direct with the applicant with a view to repurposing the funds. Also that a report be presented to the relevant board with options to as to the legal distribution of the funds, if applicable, for the benefit of the residents of Lochwinnoch; and

(b) That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board in relation to Section 50 monies which might be identified in relation to other Wards.

5 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin in the following terms:

"Dog Shock Collar Ban

Council notes that in the recent Scottish Parliamentary elections the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals called in its manifesto, A Better Scotland for Animals, for a ban on shock collars for dogs, a stance also supported by the Kennel Club and the Dogs Trust. Council further regrets the prevarication of the Scottish Government on the question of banning shock collars, reiterates its opposition to shock collars for dogs, and agrees to write to the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission calling for a ban at the earliest opportunity."

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor McCartin, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

<u>**DECIDED**</u>: Dog Shock Collar Ban - Council notes that in the recent Scottish Parliamentary elections the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals called in its manifesto, A Better Scotland for Animals, for a ban on shock collars for dogs, a stance also supported by the Kennel Club and the Dogs Trust. Council further regrets the prevarication of the Scottish Government on the question of banning shock collars, reiterates its opposition to shock collars for dogs, and agrees to write to the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission calling for a ban at the earliest opportunity.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Dowling having previously declared an interest in the following item remained in the meeting.

6 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors J Cameron and Hughes

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors J Cameron and Hughes in the following terms:

"Council agrees to support the "Our Voice Our Rights" campaign led by Enable Scotland, The National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism in their campaign which is calling for a Commissioner to protect and uphold the rights of people affected by a disability and/or Autism and their families. The appointed Commissioner would be the first of its kind in the world, established in law to champion the human rights of people with a learning disability and/or Autism. The "Our Voice Our Rights" campaign aims to make Scotland the best country in the world for the 175,000 people with a learning disability, the 56,000 people affected by Autism and their families in Scotland."

Councillor J Cameron, seconded by Councillor Hughes, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: Council agrees to support the "Our Voice Our Rights" campaign led by Enable Scotland, The National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism in their campaign which is calling for a Commissioner to protect and uphold the rights of people affected by a disability and/or Autism and their families. The appointed Commissioner would be the first of its kind in the world, established in law to champion the human rights of people with a learning disability and/or Autism. The "Our Voice Our Rights" campaign aims to make Scotland the best country in the world for the 175,000 people with a learning disability, the 56,000 people affected by Autism and their families in Scotland.

7 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors J Cameron and K MacLaren

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors J Cameron and K MacLaren in the following terms:

"Council welcomes the Community Access to Cash Pilots being rolled out in a number of communities including Cambuslang and Falkirk. The pilots are trialling a number of wide ranging ideas, including 'Bank Hubs', which will provide basic banking services including Post Office counter services and dedicated rooms where customers can meet staff from their own bank. If the pilots are deemed successful, they will seek to roll the programme out nationally. Council therefore agrees to engage in these conversations to find solutions to the ongoing impact of closures of local banks and post offices on our high streets and village communities."

Councillor J Cameron, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: Council welcomes the Community Access to Cash Pilots being rolled out in a number of communities including Cambuslang and Falkirk. The pilots are trialling a number of wide ranging ideas, including 'Bank Hubs', which will provide basic banking services including Post Office counter services and dedicated rooms where customers can meet staff from their own bank. If the pilots are deemed successful, they will seek to roll the programme out nationally. Council therefore agrees to engage in these conversations to find solutions to the ongoing impact of closures of local banks and post offices on our high streets and village communities.

8 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillor Sharkey and Hood

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Sharkey and Hood in the following terms:

"McGills Buses – No. 20 Route

Council opposes the change in service proposed by McGills to the No 20 bus route. The Whitehaugh portion of the route serves many elderly residents who need a better service not a reduced one and Arkleston Road was never intended to sustain such heavy traffic. The proposed infrastructure changes are judged as dangerous by local people and as such are totally unacceptable. The termination of the route at Johnstone town centre and the subsequent need to change buses for the people of Johnstone Castle increases journey time and will discourage bus travel when we should be doing all we can to encourage bus use."

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Hood, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: McGill's Buses – No. 20 Route - Council opposes the change in service proposed by McGill's to the No 20 bus route. The Whitehaugh portion of the route serves many elderly residents who need a better service not a reduced one and Arkleston Road was never intended to sustain such heavy traffic. The proposed infrastructure changes are judged as dangerous by local people and as such are totally unacceptable. The termination of the route at Johnstone town centre and the subsequent need to change buses for the people of Johnstone Castle increases journey time and will discourage bus travel when we should be doing all we can to encourage bus use.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Burns, having previously declared an interest in the following item of business, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

9 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Kennedy and Devine

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Kennedy and Devine in the following terms:

"Rat Infestations - Associated Charges

Council agrees to suspend the charges for services associated with the control of rodents until such time as the current explosion in rat infestation is under control and to encourage our local residents to take up those services."

Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Devine, then moved the motion.

Councillor McEwan, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved as an amendment that

"Council notes:

- There is no evidence to support the statement that there is an actual increase in numbers of rats or an 'explosion' in rat infestation.
- That figures for service requests show a reduction in requests for service over the period of monitoring 2019 21.
- The council operates a flat rate fee of £61.20 for full eradication treatment one of the smallest charges among local authorities and well below the market rate of £100-200
- The Service provides non chargeable treatment for public and communal areas.
- The service operates a rebate scheme for private service users who are on relevant benefits.

• Most service requests come from Council tenants who do not pay for the service directly with their costs covered through the housing revenue account.

Council agrees that the service is operating well and is providing an effective and affordable service to all Renfrewshire householders and at a cost well below that of the private sector."

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden and Shaw.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mackay, J MacLaren, McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

17 Members having voted for the amendment and 22 Members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

<u>**DECIDED**</u>: Rat Infestations – Associated Charges - Council agrees to suspend the charges for services associated with the control of rodents until such time as the current explosion in rat infestation is under control and to encourage our local residents to take up those services.

10 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Graham and McIntyre

There was submitted a notice of motion by Councillors Graham and McIntyre in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council agrees to write to the Standards Commission For Scotland inviting the commission to Renfrewshire for their next roadshow event. Council also agrees to make available Renfrewshire House or any Council owned building which could facilitate this event as Covid-19 restrictions allow."

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

<u>**DECIDED**</u>: That Renfrewshire Council agrees to write to the Standards Commission for Scotland inviting the Commission to Renfrewshire for their next roadshow event. Council also agrees to make available Renfrewshire House or any Council owned building which could facilitate this event as Covid-19 restrictions allow.

11 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Hood and Sharkey

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Hood and Sharkey in the following terms:

"McGill's No. 38 bus service

Council calls on McGill's to withdraw their threat to reduce the No 38 Glasgow to Kilbarchan or Spateston bus services which are needed by the young, the elderly, and

everyone who is serious about reducing carbon effect on the planet. The current Transport Bill includes the option for local authorities to regulate bus services, which is the existing policy of Renfrewshire Council, and calls on the Administration to provide a comprehensive report to the next full council on the progression of this policy, including any comment made by McGills."

Councillor Hood, seconded by Councillor Sharkey, then moved the motion.

Councillor McGurk, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved as an amendment that

"Council notes the provisions contained within the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 which allow local authorities to play an increased role in the regulation, operation and franchising of bus services within their local areas. The roll out of the guidance relating to these specific provisions has been significantly delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and at the current time there is no date scheduled for implementation of these specific aspects through the creation of new regulations.

The Council will continue to work with partner authorities and SPT to review the guidance when it is issued and identify the issues which could impact on Renfrewshire. Council agrees that a report will be submitted to the relevant board on the potential impacts of the Transport (Scotland) Act including the impacts on the sector as a result of the pandemic."

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillor McGurk, as the mover of the amendment then withdrew the amendment, and the motion was agreed unanimously.

<u>DECIDED</u>: McGill's No. 38 bus service - Council calls on McGill's to withdraw their threat to reduce the No 38 Glasgow to Kilbarchan or Spateston bus services which are needed by the young, the elderly, and everyone who is serious about reducing carbon effect on the planet. The current Transport Bill includes the option for local authorities to regulate bus services, which is the existing policy of Renfrewshire Council, and calls on the Administration to provide a comprehensive report to the next full Council on the progression of this policy, including any comment made by McGill's.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor McIntyre, having previously declared an interest in the following item of business, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

12 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Sheridan and Devine

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Sheridan and Devine in the following terms:

"Compulsory home insurance

That this council calls on the Scottish/ UK government to introduce legislation making home insurance compulsory for all households.

Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Devine, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed that further discussions take place with the Director of Communities & Housing in relation to compulsory home insurance and that a report to Communities Housing and Planning Board be considered. This was agreed

DECIDED: Compulsory home insurance

- (a) That this Council calls on the Scottish/UK government to introduce legislation making home insurance compulsory for all households; and
- (b) That further discussions take place with the Director of Communities & Housing in relation to compulsory home insurance and that a report to Communities Housing and Planning Board be considered.

13 Emergency Motion by Councillors Shaw and Devine

There was submitted an Emergency Motion by Councillors Shaw and Devine in the following terms:

"Braehead Arena

Council notes that the owners of Braehead Arena, Global Mutual, are currently undergoing an exercise to identify a new Operating Company to take over the running of the Braehead Arena and that one of the companies interesting in taking on this responsibility is the Glasgow Clan.

Council welcomes the bid by the Glasgow Clan to become the operator of the Arena which would secure their future in Renfrewshire and the future of the venue as the home of ice sports in the Greater Glasgow area.

Council understands that any decision to move forward with operating the venue as a 'dry' arena (without ice) would be devastating for The Clan, The Paisley Pirates, Braehead Peewees, local recreational teams + tens of thousands of other ice users.

Council supports Glasgow Clan in their bid to secure the future of Braehead Arena as an ice venue and calls on Global Mutual to take into consideration the huge community of fans and ice users who could lose out if a decision is made not to appoint the Glasgow Clan as Operators.

Council agrees that the Chief Executive will write to Global Mutual expressing the Council's support for the Glasgow Clan bid and calling for them to expedite a decision in favour of the Clan to allow them to plan for the season and years ahead, securing the Arena as an ice venue."

Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Devine, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

<u>**DECIDED**</u>: Braehead Arena - Council notes that the owners of Braehead Arena, Global Mutual, are currently undergoing an exercise to identify a new Operating Company to take over the running of the Braehead Arena and that one of the companies interesting in taking on this responsibility is the Glasgow Clan.

Council welcomes the bid by the Glasgow Clan to become the operator of the Arena which would secure their future in Renfrewshire and the future of the venue as the home of ice sports in the Greater Glasgow area.

Council understands that any decision to move forward with operating the venue as a 'dry' arena (without ice) would be devastating for The Clan, The Paisley Pirates, Braehead Peewees, local recreational teams + tens of thousands of other ice users.

Council supports Glasgow Clan in their bid to secure the future of Braehead Arena as an ice venue and calls on Global Mutual to take into consideration the huge community of fans and ice users who could lose out if a decision is made not to appoint the Glasgow Clan as Operators.

Council agrees that the Chief Executive will write to Global Mutual expressing the Council's support for the Glasgow Clan bid and calling for them to expedite a decision in favour of the Clan to allow them to plan for the season and years ahead, securing the Arena as an ice venue.